

Wood and Price leave

PHIL WOOD, Wycombe Wanderers' utility defender, has left the club. Wood joined the Blues from Enfield a year ago and played the first half of the season at centre back with Dave Bullock. When Keith Mead was signed in mid-season, however, he was forced to switch to midfield.

He was asked to sign on by Wanderers this term but decided against it. He is expected to join a club nearer

home, possibly St. Albans City. Manager Brian Lee commented that Wood's departure would be a loss to the club and said the player suffered because of his own versatility.

Another player who has left Wycombe is Tony Price, their young winger who played in a handful of league matches last season. Price felt that playing for Wanderers would be too time consuming while at Oxford University, but will be

playing for Leicester City Reserves at weekends. He has re-signed with the First Division club.

Several of the other players who turned out in the three pre-season friendlies have not been retained. They are Mick Chatterton, John Hutchinson, Keith Griffiths, Richard Wilkes and Graham Cracknell. Wanderers have signed the 12 players which played against Kingstonian

plus full-back Paul Griffiths and striker Dylan Evans. Dave Alexander, who played against Witney Town last Saturday, is expected to join the squad later in the season.

It was confirmed this week that Larry Pritchard, the club skipper last season, has signed on for Sutton United. He played against Slough Town in United's 1-0 victory on Saturday. Roger Grant was in the Hitchin Town team that drew 1-1 at Ilford.